

FO – 229.03

WATERS OPEN TO THE USE OF HAND NETS

Under the authority of Section 48703 (4) of 1994 PA 451, as amended, being Section 324.48703(4) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, I HEREBY ORDER that the following waters are open to the taking of bowfin (dogfish), carp, gar, smelt and suckers [including redhorse (mullet)] with a hand net during the seasons stated.

HAND NET DEFINED

For the purposes of this order, “hand net” means a mesh bag of webbing or wire suspended from a circular, oval, or rectangular frame of any size attached to a handle of any length, the provisions of MCL 324.48710 (2) notwithstanding.

GREAT LAKES, CONNECTING WATERS, and TRIBUTARIES

1. Waters open:

- a. All Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Mary’s R, St. Clair R., and the Detroit R..
- b. All tributaries to the waters in 1.a. (above) for a distance of one-half mile upstream (except that Thompson Creek, Schoolcraft County, **is closed**).
- c. Inland streams in the following list.

2 Season

- a. April 1 - May 31: Those waters in 1 (above) which are north of M-72;
- b. March 1 - May 31: Those waters in 1 (above) which are south of M-72:

INLAND STREAMS

Except as noted, the open season shall be April 1 – May 31 for those streams listed below:

ALGER COUNTY:

Towes Creek

West Branch Whitefish River from Sea Lamprey Barrier (T44N, R21W, Sec. 29) downstream 500 feet to posted signs.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY:

Lake Charlevoix and tributaries to one-half mile upstream.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

Trout Creek down from Big Trout Lake in T42N, R3E, Sec. 31

Prentiss Creek (T42N, R2E)

DELTA COUNTY:

Days River from sea lamprey barrier downstream for 500 feet.

Rapid River from Rapid River Falls (T24N, R21W, Sec. 19) down to County Road S.15.

Escanaba River from mouth to 1st dam upstream of US-2.

Ford River down from Jaeger Road.

HOUGHTON COUNTY:

Portage Lake and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.

North and South Portage Canal and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.

Torch Lake and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.

LUCE COUNTY:

Torch Lake and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.

Little Two Hearted River from mouth upstream to bridge on County Road 412 (T50N, R9W, Sec. 25)

MACKINAC COUNTY:

Doe Creek (T43N, R10W)

Foley Creek down from I-75

Hoban Creek down from US-2

Hudson Creek (T41N, R11W, Sec. 8)

Martineau Creek down from I-75

McClouds Creek

Milakokia River, Milakokia Lake down to Heinz Lake

Norton Creek from M-135 down to South Manistique Lake

Nunn's Creek from Highway M -134 to mouth

Pearson's Creek, T42N, R1W and R1E

Rabbits Back Creek down from Mackinac Trail

Scrums Creek (T42N, R11W, Sec. 11)

Taylor Creek (T43N, R12W, Secs. 2, 11, 12 and 13)

MANISTEE COUNTY: (Note: Season is March 1 – May 31)

Little Bear Creek down from Bear Lake to trunkline Highway US-31

MENOMINEE COUNTY:

Big Cedar River down from mouth of Elwood Creek (T35N, R25W, Sec. 11).

This order supersedes the Director's Order entitled "Waters Open to the Use of Hand Nets", effective April 1, 1996, and assigned number DFI-121.99.

This order is assigned number FO-229.03.

This order shall take immediate effect and shall remain effective until rescinded.